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DEA FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR FROM THE CHARGE

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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM
INVITATION FOR GENERAL MENDIOLEA

1. I TRANSMITTED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL FLORES YOUR LETTER INVITING HIM TO SEND GENERAL MENDIOLEA TO THE UNITED STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN DEA'S EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM.

2. ON MAY 12 FERNANDO BAEZA CALLED ON ME TO SAY THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WOULD BE SENDING ME A REPLY STATING THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, PRIOR COMMITMENTS WOULD PREVENT MENDIOLEA FROM ACCEPTING. BAEZA SAID ATTORNEY GENERAL WANTED ME TO KNOW THAT HIS REAL MOTIVE FOR REFUSAL WAS CONCERN OVER MENDIOLEA'S POLITICAL EXPOSURE. HE RECALLED THAT LESS THAN A YEAR AGO THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE PRESS COVERAGE OVER ALLEGATIONS THAT MENDIOLEA HAD ONCE BEEN A CIA AGENT. THIS, COUPLED WITH MENDIOLEA'S WORK WITH AMERICANS SOME YEARS BACK ON THE AFTOSA CAMPAIGN, LED FLORES TO CONCLUDE THAT AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE UNWISE.

3. I REPLIED THAT I APPRECIATED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
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COURTESY IN SENDING BAEZA TO EXPLAIN THIS BACKGROUND AND SUGGESTED THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY HAVE SOME OTHER SENIOR MFJP OFFICIAL WHO COULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROGRAM. I NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT DEA HAS ONLY LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE AND THAT PROGRAM PRIORITIES ELSEWHERE MAY MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCEPT A SUBSTITUTE. BAEZA AGREED TO LET ME KNOW IF FLORES COULD MAKE SOME OTHER

SENIOR MFJP OFFICIAL AVAILABLE. THOMPSON

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